

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 9:30 A.M.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Monday, February 2, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in the County Commission Chambers at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman Chandler, Commissioner Sellars, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Lewis, and Commissioner Riddick.

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Carter, County Manager; Rachel Rhoden, Deputy County Manager; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jerome Kelley, County Engineer; Pam Whittle, Chamber President; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Mark Crawford, Press; Randy Andrews, Zoning Director; Chip Ware, Fire Marshal; Robert Perone, Library Director; Capt. Boatwright; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; and Kelly Canady, Community Development Director.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS
ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES**

--IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL 365-DAY MORATORIUM ON THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF IMPACT FEES--WILL SEXTON:

Mr. Sexton presented the ordinance for consideration and read the title into the record.

Chairman Chandler opened the public hearing. There being no response, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Ordinance as presented. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 2015-01](#).)

--AMENDING DIVISION 3 OF ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 2, PART II OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF DEFAULTED MORTGAGE PROPERTY--SGT. RAY SHUFORD:

In the absence of Mr. Shuford, Mr. Sexton presented the ordinance for consideration and read the title into the record.

Chairman Chandler opened the public hearing. There being no response, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Ordinance as presented. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 2015-02](#).)

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF 12-18-14**
- B. INVENTORY SURPLUS LIST**

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS--COMMISSIONER LEWIS:

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve payment of the bills as reviewed. (A list of the bills is on file in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk.)

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TDC GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE BRADFORD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 (TDC APPROVED ON 01-15-15)--PAM WHITTLE, CHAMBER PRESIDENT:

Ms. Whittle presented the funding request for consideration.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve the TDC Funding Request as presented.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TDC GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE BRADFORD SPORTSMEN'S FARM FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 (TDC APPROVED ON 01-15-15)--PAM WHITTLE, CHAMBER PRESIDENT:

Ms. Whittle presented the funding request for consideration.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner, and carried 5-0, to approve the TDC Funding Request as presented.

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ROAD MEMORIAL AWARD—COMMISSIONER RIDDICK:

S.E. CR100A – DEDICATED TO THE GRIFFIS FAMILY

Commissioner Riddick presented the Road Memorial Award for consideration.

Commissioner Riddick moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve the [Road Memorial Award](#) as presented.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS--WILL SEXTON: None.

SHERIFF REPORTS--SHERIFF SMITH:

A. PRESENTATION REGARDING PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE--TOM SMITH:

Ms. Rhoden announced that Sheriff Smith is attending the Florida Sheriff's Conference and has requested that this item be moved to the next meeting of February 19.

CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN: None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS--BRAD CARTER:

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO SUPPORT THE 5311 OPERATING ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FROM SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC.--RACHEL RHODEN

Ms. Rhoden presented the request for consideration.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and carried 5-0, to support the [5311 Operating Assistance Grant Application submitted by SREC.](#)

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO SUPPORT THE 5339 CAPITAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FROM SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC.--RACHEL RHODEN

Ms. Rhoden presented the request for consideration.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to support the [5339 Capital Assistance Grant Application submitted by SREC.](#)

C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER ON N.E. 19TH AVENUE RESURFACING PROJECT--INCREASE OF \$3,533.46 (New Contract Total \$232,507.83)--JEROME KELLEY

Mr. Kelley presented the change order for consideration. The change order allows for adding a safety feature to the guardrail. The additional cost falls within the FDOT budget. The completion date for the contract will need to increase by 60 calendar days.

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to approve the Change Order as presented.

D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF RECIPIENT FUNDING FROM THE INTEROPERABLE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS--BRIAN JOHNS

Ms. Rhoden presented the Memorandum of Understanding for consideration.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve the MOU as presented.

E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ANNUAL FIRE ALARM INSPECTION CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL FIRE & COMMUNICATIONS, INC.--CHIP WARE

Mr. Ware presented the contract for consideration.

After brief discussion regarding the cost, *Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to approve the Fire Alarm Inspection Contract as presented.*

F. RAILROAD CROSSING UPDATES

Mr. Carter advised that in an effort to improve the railroad crossings in the County, staff contacted CSX directly, but with no success. The FDOT railroad liaison was contacted, who has offered to help. Mr. Funderburk is formulating a list of the crossings. Mr. Carter asked the Commissioners to communicate with Mr. Funderburk regarding problematic crossings.

Mr. Steve Futch approached the Board and advised that the Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) is also concerned about this issue, and they would be glad to assist with developing the list.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Riddick commented on the following:

- With the mowing season quickly approaching, Commissioner Riddick asked the Board to consider hiring four men for six months, part-time, with no benefits, to keep up with the mowing. By so doing, the Road Department can stay on schedule with regular road maintenance.

Chairman Chandler advised that the County has done this before. It is a wonderful concept, but we need to make sure there is adequate funding to handle it.

- In working with Mr. Welch, they have discovered five roads that have been marked as private roads that are actually county roads: SE 51st St., SE 50th St., SE 7th Place, SE 7th Ave., and Linda Street. Commissioner Riddick asked the Board for permission to have Mr. Welch locate and mark the R.O.W's, and for Mr. Kelley to develop a plan for what needs to be done to begin maintenance on these roads.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sellars commented on the following:

- Concurred with Commissioner Riddick regarding the mowing. The Board should discuss it further during the next budget process. Realizing that funds were not budgeted this year, she asked Mr. Funderburk and Mr. Carter to get with the Clerk to see how much it would cost, to see if it is possible.

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

- A constituent has inquired about installing signs for Odd Fellow and Clark Cemetery on each side of Steel Mill Road. Mr. Carter advised that this was done at Petesville Cemetery in Lawtey. Mr. Funderburk will contact FDOT and make the arrangements.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS--ROSS CHANDLER:

- Reported that CareerSource is doing a great job and is beneficial to the County. He is not sure how to get more Bradford County people involved, but if that could be accomplished, it would be even more beneficial. Maybe Ms. Whittle could assist with this endeavor.
- Advised that Meridian is still facing the same budgetary challenges. There has not been a budget increase for mental health in almost 20 years. Meridian is using creative measures to generate revenue. Chairman Chandler expressed appreciation to the Board for its continued support. Many people who are sentenced to jail have a mental illness. Utilizing the services of Meridian for those incarcerated in the jail could help save the County money.

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ADJOURN:

Commissioner Lewis moved, Commissioner Sellars seconded, and carried 5-0, to adjourn the meeting.
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ROSS CHANDLER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved by BOCC at the Regular Scheduled Meeting of _____.